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Re: Application Serial No. 09/826,355  
Applicant: Dekang Lin and Patrick Pantel.  
Title: Discovery of Inference Rules from Text  
Art unit: 2654  
Examiner: Shortledge, T.  
Filed: April 5, 2001

This is in response to the official action dated January 13, 2006.

INTERVIEW SUMMARY

The undersigned agent of record, the inventor Dekang Lin, Examiner Shortledge and Examiner Dorvil, had a telephone interview on March 8, 2006 in which the rejection of claim 1 in view of Delugach et al was discussed. As set out by the examiner in the interview summary mailed March 15, 2006, an agreement was reached that Delugach et al did not teach all the limitations of claim 1, and that the rejections will be withdrawn. The undersigned is uncertain if a response is required to the outstanding official action, or if a separate interview summary is required, and has thus filed this paper.

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1 -6 and 14-19 have been rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by Delugach et al. Claims 7 and 9-13 are rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Delugach et al as applied to claim 1 and further in view of the applicants' prior art. Claim 8 is rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Delugach et al as applied to claim 1 and further in view of the applicants' prior art and further in view of Zadrozny et al. Applicants understand that these rejections are withdrawn, but in addition

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respectfully traverse these rejections for the reasons given in the response to the previous official action and as discussed in the telephone interview.

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections, and allowance of the claims, is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted, and certified as being faxed to the USPTO on April 13/06.

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